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1. **Opening of the session**

The Executive Board will hear statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. **Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work**
[For action — E/ICEF/2009/8]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

3. **Annual report of the Executive Director: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan**
[For discussion — E/ICEF/2009/9]

In this annual report covering the year 2008, the Executive Director will report on progress towards the key results established in the medium-term strategic plan as well as challenges and constraints encountered; and on specific results and resources related to global partnerships, as requested in decisions 2005/8, 2007/6 and 2008/11. In accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/11, a data companion to the annual report is available.

4. **Report on the accountability system of UNICEF**
[For action — E/ICEF/2009/15]

The current UNICEF accountability system is based on the 1998 Executive Board document entitled "The Organization of the United Nations Children's Fund" (E/ICEF/Organization/Rev.3). The accountability system presented in this document outlines the ongoing strategic organizational improvement efforts that serve to strengthen UNICEF capacity to achieve results for children and women, and highlights the dynamism required to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex development and humanitarian setting and a changing aid environment. The system also reflects the commitment of UNICEF to greater harmonization and coherence across the United Nations system.

5. **UNICEF strategic framework for partnerships and collaborative relationships**
[For action — E/ICEF/2009/10]; [For information — E/ICEF/2009/11]

In its decision 2007/1, the Executive Board requested a report on UNICEF partnerships, including an overview of existing partnerships. The strategic framework analyses the organization's current engagement in partnerships and collaborative relationships, and outlines its future approach in a consistent and strategic way to ensure that partnerships and collaborative relationships contribute to the best results for children and promote their rights. An accompanying

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document, presented for information, contains a mapping of the organization's current engagement with partners.

6. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation

[For action]

(a) Draft country programme documents

At this session, the Executive Board will consider a total of 16 draft country programme documents for full programme cycles. These are presented to the Executive Board for discussion and comment, and for approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular and other resources in the programme budget. The summary results matrix for each country programme document has been posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website, and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website, where applicable. Taking into account the comments made at the annual session, the draft country programme documents will be revised and posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website, at the latest, six weeks after the annual session for further review by Executive Board members. The revised country programme documents will be approved by the Executive Board on a no-objection basis at the 2009 second regular session unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board.

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/17, the Executive Board will be informed of the reasons for deferment of the presentation of draft country programme documents from the annual session to the second regular session.

The 16 draft country programme documents for this session will be presented by region:

(i) Two from Eastern and Southern Africa:
Botswana (E/ICEF/2009/P/L.2)
Burundi (E/ICEF/2009/P/L.3)

(ii) Two from the Middle East and North Africa:
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Lebanon (E/ICEF/2009/P/L.17)

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Afghanistan (E/ICEF/2009/P/L.15)

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Uzbekistan (E/ICEF/2009/P/L.14)

(v) One from the Americas and the Caribbean:
Ecuador (E/ICEF/2009/P/L.4)

(b) Harmonization and simplification of the approval procedure for extensions of ongoing country programmes
[For action — E/ICEF/2009/P/L.19]

UNICEF seeks to harmonize and simplify its procedure for extending ongoing country programmes with that of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). In accordance with the established procedures of that process, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme and informs the Executive Board. Requests for two-year or second one-year extensions are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

(c) Recommendation for approval of additional other resources for approved country programmes
[For action — E/ICEF/2009/P/L.18]

The Executive Board is requested to approve increases in the other resources ceilings for approved country programmes that are expected to receive other resources funding exceeding the indicative levels originally approved by the Executive Board.

Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

7. Reports of Executive Board field visits

(a) Report of the field visit to Kenya by members of the Bureau of the Executive Board
[For information — E/ICEF/2009/12]

The report of the field visit to Kenya by members of the Bureau, from 27 February to 7 March 2009, is presented for information.

(b) Report of the joint field visit to Cambodia by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and the World Food Programme (WFP)
[For information — E/ICEF/2009/CRP.11]

The report of the joint field visit to Cambodia by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, from 2 to 13 March 2009, is presented for information.

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The report of the field visit to Nepal by members of the Executive Board, from 30 March to 8 April 2009, is presented for information.

8. Address by the President of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

The President of the Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

9. **Other matters**

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

10. **Adoption of draft decisions**

11. **Closing of the session**

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Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2009 annual session of the Executive Board 8-10 June 2009*

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